

EXTENSION OF SPECIAL CLAIMS COMMISSION

Convention signed at Washington August 17, 1929, modifying convention of September 10, 1923

Ratified by the President of the United States September 25, 1929, pursuant to Senate resolution of May 25, 1929¹

Ratified by Mexico October 4, 1929

Ratifications exchanged at Washington October 29, 1929

Entered into force October 29, 1929

Proclaimed by the President of the United States October 31, 1929

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CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO EXTENDING DURATION OF THE SPECIAL CLAIMS COMMISSION PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONVENTION OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1923

WHEREAS a convention was signed on September 10, 1923,² between the United States of America and the United Mexican States for the settlement and amicable adjustment of certain claims therein defined; and

WHEREAS Article VII of said convention provided that the Commission constituted pursuant thereto should hear, examine and decide within five years from the date of its first meeting all the claims filed with it; and

WHEREAS it now appears that the said Commission can not hear, examine and decide such claims within the time limit thus fixed;

The President of the United States of America and the President of the United Mexican States are desirous that the time originally fixed for the duration of the said Commission should be extended, and to this end have named as their respective plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

The President of the United States of America, Honorable William R. Castle, junior, Acting Secretary of State of the United States; and

¹The Senate resolution requested the President "in his discretion, to negotiate and conclude with the Mexican Government such agreement or agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for the further extension of the duration of the Special Claims Commission provided for in the Convention of September 10, 1923, between the United States and Mexico, in order to permit of the hearing, examination and decision of all claims within the jurisdiction of the said Commission under the terms of the said Convention, and to make such further arrangement as in his judgment may be deemed appropriate for the expeditious adjudication of such claims."

²TS 676, *ante*, p. 941.

The President of the United Mexican States, His Excellency Señor Don Manuel C. Téllez, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Mexican States at Washington;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I

The High Contracting Parties agree that the term assigned by Article VII of the Convention of September 10, 1923, for the hearing, examination and decision of claims for loss or damage accruing during the period from November 20, 1910 to May 31, 1920, inclusive, shall be and the same hereby is extended for a time not exceeding two years from August 17, 1929, the day when pursuant to the provisions of the said Article VII, the functions of the said Commission would terminate in respect of such claims.

It is agreed that nothing contained in this Article shall in any wise alter or extend the time originally fixed in the said Convention of September 10, 1923, for the presentation of claims to the Commission, or confer upon the Commission any jurisdiction over any claim for loss or damage accruing prior to November 20, 1910, or subsequent to May 31, 1920.

ARTICLE II

The present Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

In witness whereof the above mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the same and affixed their respective seals.

Done in duplicate at the city of Washington, in the English and Spanish languages, this seventeenth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

W. R. CASTLE, JR. [SEAL]

MANUEL C. TÉLLEZ [SEAL]